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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Jose Jesus Reynoso Gonzalez
Convicted murderer denied parole

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Jeff Laugero announced today that Jose Jesus Reynoso Gonzalez, age 69, of Patterson was found unsuitable for parole during a February 27, 2024, hearing of the State Board of Parole Hearings held at the California Health Care Facility Prison in Stockton. This was his seventh parole hearing. Deputy District Attorney Amy Elliott Neumann appeared at the hearing on behalf of the People.

On February 20, 1988, Gonzalez murdered his 31-year-old common law wife Herlinda Carrillo by shooting her in the face and chest with a .32 semi-automatic pistol in the home they shared in Patterson. He took their four young children to stay with family in Visalia and then fled to Arizona. After Gonzalez was apprehended and returned to California, he was convicted of second-degree murder with an enhancement that he personally used a firearm. He was sentenced to serve 17 years to life in prison.

Gonzalez refused to leave his cell and appear for the hearing, so the hearing was held in absentia. The Board considered his current dangerousness by reviewing the record and considering statements by his attorney.

Deputy District Attorney Neumann urged the Board not to release Gonzalez because of his failure to obey the rules in prison, his lack of self-awareness about what led him to murder his wife, and his lack of realistic parole plans. Specifically, Gonzalez lacked a relapse plan to deal with his serious mental health issues. Additionally, Gonzalez's conduct in prison, accruing a total of 10 rule violations, with three of them since his last hearing, indicate continued criminal thinking and violent behavior.

The Board agreed and determined that Gonzalez presented a current danger to the community if released. The Board determined that Gonzalez needed more time to address his mental health issues and engage in self-help programming. Because Gonzalez qualified for elder parole consideration, the Board denied parole for three years.

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